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1. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DOUGLAS AGREES HEAR ARGUMENTS ON REP. HOLTZMAN'S REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE HALT CAMBODIAN BOMBING. HEARING SCHEDULED 9:00 AM PDT AUGUST 3. ACLU LAWYERS SOUGHT OUT DOUGLAS AFTER JUSTICE MARSHALL DECLINED OVERRULE APPEALS COURT STAY OF BOMBING HALT ORDER BY DISTRICT COURT (AP, PHINQ; UPI NYT, NYDN, WP, WSJ).

2. RED-LED REBELS PRESS FROM SE TIGHTEN GRIP ON PP DESPITE US AIR SUPPORT. CIVILIAN POPULATION ABANDONS RIVER RESORT TOWN OF KOKI 12 MILES S. PP ON HWAY 1. THREE THOUSAND RELATIVES OF TOP KHMER OFFICIALS SAID GONE OVERSEAS. GKR CLAIMS CRACKDOWN ON MPS ROUNDING UP DRAFT-AGE MALES (AP PHINQ, SUN; WP; WSJ; UPI VOLZ, NYDN; WILLIAMS, REUTER). TAKHMAU MAY BE NEXT RED OBJECTIVE (SCHANBERG, NYT). SEIDEN (SUN) REPORTS REFUGEES FEAR BOMBS 80 BUT REDS ONLY 20.

3. WH PROMISES CAMBODIA ALL POST-AUG. 15 ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND DIPLOMATIC HELP ALLOWED BY LAW. DOD WILL ANNOUNCE AUG. 3 ITS UNDERSTANDING OF PERMISSIBLE AND PRECLUDED ASSISTANCE AFTER BOMBING HALT. ADMINISTRATION SPEEDS UP MILITARY EQUIPMENT DELIVERIES. WASHINGTON OPINIONS DIFFER ON POST-AUG.15 CAMBODIA EVENTS (GWERTZMAN, NYT; PHINQ; VOLZ, NYDN; AP SUN).

4. NIXON HAS CONGRESS GUESSING ON POSSIBLE CALLBACK FOR SPECIAL MID-AUG. SESSION TO REQUEST EXTENSION CAMBODIAN BOMBING. SPECULATION IS IF CONGRESS REFUSES, IT WILL GET ONUS FOR LOSS OF CAMBODIA TO COMMUNISM. SECSTATE ROGERS ADVISES SFRC UNABLE APPEAR UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO MAKE CLEAR ADMINISTRATION'S UNCLASSIFIED

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POST-AUG. 15 INTENTIONS (UPI).

5. AP QUOTES DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THAT AT LEAST ANOTHER WEEK BEFORE PLRLG CONCLUDE AGREEMENT ON TEMPORARY POLITICAL AND MILITARY LAOS SETTLEMENT; AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED, BUT DETAILS REMAIN. UPI AND CHITRIB REPORT RLG AND PL NEGOTS MOVE SLOWLY CLOSER FINAL FORM TO ESTABLISH COALITION GOVT., AND NATL. ASSEMBLY TRIES ASSERT CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO APPROVE OR REJECT GOVT'S MEMBERSHIP. LIPPMAN (WP) REPORTS VIENTIANE RESIDENTS SLUMBER THROUGH TALKS ON COUNTRY'S FUTURE THAT EXCITE FOREIGN JOURNALISTS AND DIPLOMATS. CITY HAS ESCAPED DIRECT IMPACT OF WAR AND ONLY RISING FOOD COSTS CAUSING WORRIES.

6. GVN MIGHT CONSIDER GOING TO AID OF CAMBODIA IF PP REQUESTS, DESPITE VC WARNINGS THAT SUCH MOVE WOULD IMPERIL C-F (WP; CHITRIB; VOLZ, NYDN; UPI, NYT; REUTER). RADIO HANOI CLAIMS GVN ALREADY MAKING AIR STRIKES IN CAMBODIA (CHITRIB). FATHERS (REUTER) SAYS ANY GVN BOMBING IN CAMBODIA LIKELY BRING NVN AND VC RETALIATION, BUT THIEU FEARS RED-RULED CAMBODIA. GVN RESPONSE MAY TAKE FORM OF INFILTRATING ETHNIC-KHMER ARVN TROOPS ACROSS BORDER IF PP FALLS.

7. GVN SAYS FIGHTING LEVEL TAPERS OFF WITH ONLY 60 ALLEGED COMMUNIST VIOLATIONS IN PAST 24 HOURS (REUTER).

8. LAT'S LESLIE REPORTS THIEU'S DEMOCRACY PARTY GAINS CONTROL OF VILLAGE COUNCILS IN QUIET ELECTIONS ACROSS SVN TO COMPETE WITH NLF AT LOWER LEVELS. LITTLE PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM, CANDIDATES LIMITED, IRREGULARITIES REPORTED BUT PARTY MEMBERS NOW THROUGHOUT ALL LEVELS GVN BUREAUCRACY (WP).

9. SHIPER (NYT) SAYS REFUGEES RETURNING TO DANANG AREA STILL FIND IT STREET WITHOUT JOY WITH BUILDINGS DEMOLISHED, FIELDS OVERGROWN. SAYS REFUGEES REMEMBER FRENCH BUT PREFERRED AMERICANS, UNCLASSIFIED

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NOW FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE. DENMAN (NYT) DISCUSSES ROLE OF WOMEN SOOTHSAYERS IN SVN SOCIETY AND INFLUENCE SOME HOLD OVER SENIOR MILITARY AND POLITICIANS.

10. KEAT (SUN) REPORTS HANOI CLAIM FIVE-YEAR RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AGREEMENT REACHED WITH US INCLUDING AMOUNT FIRST-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS. WH DECLINES COMMENT, OTHER US SOURCES STATE GENERAL PLAN HAS BEEN DISCUSSED. DOS SAYS GOOD DEAL OF USEFUL DIALOGUE TOOK PLACE AT PARIS BUT NO AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL AND UNTIL HANOI LIVES UP TO C-F AGREEMENT (ALSO AP, PHINQ; JHABVALA, GLOBE). MARDER (WP) ADDS NVN ACCUSATION THAT US STUBBORNLY VIOLATING C-F. JAPAN

11. HALLORAN (NYT) REPORTS ON TANAKA'S NYC VISIT, NOTING THAT OFFICIALS WITH HIM SAID HE CAME BECAUSE HE WANTED TO WIDEN HIS US CONTACTS BEYOND FEDERAL GOVT. AT NY BANQUET, PM SAID THAT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN JAPAN AND US "THERE ARISE CONSTANTLY A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS THAT NEED TO BE SURMOUNTED. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE IS THE EVER-PRESENT NEED TO COOPERATE FULLY IN CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY AND ALSO IN ACADEMIC

AND CULTURAL ACTIVITIES THAT FORM THE BACKBONE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES". BEFORE DEPARTING DC, PREMIER TAPED "MEET THE PRESS" INTERVIEW.

12. UPI REPORTS (TOKYO, NYT) JAPAN'S 3 LARGEST OPPOSITION PARTIES SAID TODAY THEY WOULD FIGHT IN PARLIAMENT TO PREVENT PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF VISITS BY PRESIDENT AND EMPEROR.

13. PEPPER (SUN) REPORTS FROM TOKYO JAPANESE PRESS REACTION TO NIXON-TANAKA MEETING IS COOL. OPPOSITION PARTY LEADERS ALSO CRITICIZED TALKS, SAYING PM HAD SIMPLY COLLABORATED IN US-INSPIRED WORLD DESIGN, AND IN THAT WAY ABANDONED CLAIMS TO INDEPENDANT FOREIGN POLICY. TOMINOMORI, ASAHI ANALYST, SEES "DANGER THAT JAPAN WILL AGAIN BE WRAPPED UP ENTIRELY IN AN AMERICAN WORLD STRATEGY..." ONLY NIHON KEIZAI PLAYS UNCLASSIFIED

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UP 2 LEADERS' PROFESSIONS OF MUTUAL FRIENDSHIP, EQUAL PARTNERSHIP, AND BROADER WORLD ROLE FOR JAPAN. SOME CORRESPONDENTS NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT SEEMED IGNORANT OF CERTAIN BASIC FACTS ABOUT US-JAPANESE RELATIONS. APPARENTLY DRAWING ON JAPANESE SOURCES, THESE REPORTS SAY PRESIDENT DID NOT KNOW THAT JAPAN HAD DECIDED, IN PRINCIPLE, TO ACCEPT UP TO 100 FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF COMPANIES INCORPORATED IN JAPAN. THEY ALSO SAY PRESIDENT LEARNED OF JAPANESE CHAGRIN OVER CURBS ON SOYBEANS THROUGH NEWSPAPER ARTICLES, RATHER THAN FROM OFFICIAL BRIEFINGS.

14. EEC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WORKING PARTY REPORT NOTES THAT WITH EEC-JAPAN TRADE AGREEMENT NO LONGER IN PROSPECT FOR TIME BEING, COMMUNITY SHOULD BE READY TO APPLY ANY UNILATERAL MEASURES AT ITS DISPOSAL TO PROTECT ITSELF FROM EXCESSIVE INFLOWS OF JAPANESE EXPORTS. AT SAME TIME, IT SHOULD TRY REDUCE ITS TRADE DEFICIT WITH JAPAN BY SEEKING EASIER ACCESS

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TO JAPANESE MARKET FOR EUROPEAN EXPORTS. WORKING GROUP ASKS COUNCIL CONFIRM OVERALL GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN REPORT, STRESSING THAT JAPANESE EXPORTS HAVE REACHED "DISQUIETING LEVELS" IN CERTAIN SECTORS IN VARIOUS MEMBER STATES. NEGOTIATION OF GENERAL COMMUNITY SAFEGUARD CLAUSE HAS PROVED MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK IN TALKS SO FAR WITH TOKYO. IN ABSENCE OF OVERALL AGREEMENT, MEMBER STATES STILL CONTINUING DEAL INDIVIDUALLY WITH TOKYO(JOC).

15. TOKIO MARINE AND FIRE INSURANCE CO. LTD., JAPANESE

FIRM, FILES REGISTRATION STATEMENT WITH SEC UNDER WHICH 26 MILLION SHARES OF COMMON STOCK WILL BE OFFERED (JOC).

KOREA

16. IN NEW MOVE FOR IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH NORTH, UNCLASSIFIED

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ROK INVITES NK PARTICIPATION IN TRAINING COURSE FOR ASIAN VOLLEYBALL COACHES TO BE HELD IN SEOUL BEGINNING AUG.0. NO INDICATION YET OF NK RESPONSE (NYT).

CHINA

17. STEWART (NYT) REPORTS THAT BANK OF CHINA, WHICH HANDLES PEKING'S FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS AND RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CORRESPONDENT RELATIONSHIP WITH CHASE MANHATTAN, ACTED WITH UNCHARACTERISTIC IMPRECISION DURING DOLLAR CRISIS LAST MONTH, ADJUSTING RENMINBI UP AND DOWN SEVERAL TIMES. FLIP-FLOPS CAUSED CHINESE BANKING OFFICIALS SOME EMBARRASSMENT, BUT DID NOT AFFECT LOCAL CONFIDENCE IN RENMINBI OR BANK. RENMINBI CONSIDERED UNUSUALLY STABLE CURRENCY. BANK OF CHINA REMAINS, IN ESSENCE, TREASURER FOR STATE TRADING CORPORATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL MONEY CHANGER FOR THOSE DOING BUSINESS WITH PEKING.

18. JOC STATES WASHINGTON "VERY RELIABLE SOURCES" CONFIRM THERE WAS RECENT SALE OF 300,000 TONS OF WHEAT AND 300,000 TONS OF CORN TO PRC, IN ADDITION TO 500,000-TON WHEAT SALE REVEALED LAST YEAR.

19. WP CITES NCNA RELEASE THAT MAO HAS RECEIVED 2 CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS, DR. CHEN PIEN-LI AND WIFE DR. HAN CHIH-TANG, IN HIS PEKING RESIDENCE. CHEN DESCRIBED AS "OLD FRIEND" OF MAO; THEY REPORTEDLY MET MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO IN CHANGSHA.

PHILIPPINES

20. REPORTING INTERVIEW WITH MARCOS, DURDIN (NYT) FINDS HIM RELAXED, CONFIDENT, AND PREDICTING ERA OF GOOD RELATIONS WITH US AND STEADY PROGRESS FOR PHILS. VIEWING REFERENDUM AS SIGNAL TO ACCELERATE REFORMS AND INITIATE MORE CHANGES, MARCOS REPEATS EARLIER STATEMENTS THAT AIM IS RETURN EVENTUALLY TO SYSTEM OF ELECTIONS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT. MARCOS SAYS: "I AM ESPECIALLY GOING AHEAD WITH LAND UNCLASSIFIED

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REFORM..." DURDIN SEES THIS INDICATING MARCOS HAD NO INTENTION MODIFYING LAND-REFORM PROGRAM DESPITE GROWING OPPOSITION FROM SMALL HOLDERS. MARCOS ALSO SAYS HE REGARDS REFERENDUM AS AUTHORITY TO GO AHEAD WITH SOME UNSPECIFIED EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION, INDICATING THERE WOULD BE CHANGES BOTH OF PERSONNEL AND STRUCTURE. MARCOS SAYS PROGRESS BEING MADE IN ENDING MOSLEM REBELLION, BUT THAT HE RECOGNIZES ALMOST ENTIRELY MOSLEM SULU ARCHIPELAGO WOULD PRESENT PROBLEM FOR LONG TIME. MARCOS FORESEES NO "INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS" IN FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS WITH US OVER BASES, MILITARY AID, MUTUAL-DEFENSE TREATY, AND NEW TRADE AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

21. S-N'S BRADSHAW (AUG. 2) IN PP DESCRIBES PLIGHT OF CITY'S ESTIMATED 2 MILLION REFUGEES. OBSERVES THAT, IN GENERAL, THEY DO NOT SEEM IN TOO BAD CONDITION YET; HEALTH STANDARDS ARE STILL FAIRLY HIGH, AND MALNUTRITION NOT YET EVIDENT. HOWEVER, IF GKR CONTINUES STAND UP TO KI PRESSURE, REFUGEE PROBLEM CAN ONLY GET WORSE. KI SEEM DETERMINED TO WORSEN IT THROUGH DELIBERATE EFFORTS TO DRIVE VILLAGERS TOWARD PP. APPALLED BY OFFICIAL CORRUPTION, USG BEGAN GIVING AID LAST SEPT. DIRECTLY TO NONGOVERNMENTAL RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS. IN FY74, WASHINGTON ALLOCATED \$4.5 MILLION FROM AID FUNDS, AND US OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE PREPARED TO PROVIDE MORE IF CAN BE SPENT USEFULLY. JAPAN, WHICH CONTRIBUTED VEHICLES, FOOD AND OTHER RELIEF SUPPLIES EARLY IN WAR, HAS ABOUT DECIDED THAT SUCH AID CANNOT BE USED PROPERLY. DISILLUSIONED WITH DISPERSAL THROUGH GOVERNMENT OF VEHICLES MEANT FOR REFUGEE WORK, AND BY OTHER ABUSES, IT HAS SHARPLY CUT BACK REFUGEE HELP.

22. PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY CITES SENATE INVESTIGATORS AS SAYING FULL STORY OF US SECRET BOMBING GOES

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OF USG DECEIT, MISREPRESENTATION, FIGURE JUGGLING - AND SOMETIMES OUTRIGHT LYING - ABOUT AERIAL WAR IN ALL INDOCHINA. SAYS ISSUE SHAPING UP IN CONGRESS IS WHETHER CAMBODIA BOMBING CAN BE STOPPED AFTER AUG. 15; BOMBING PAST THAT DATE WOULD NEED CONGRESS' APPROVAL. SYMINGTON AND HUGHES ARE DETERMINED TO TRY DRAMATIZE AERIAL WAR SECRECY AND DECEPTION BEFORE ISSUE AGAIN COMES TO HEAD.

23. REFERRING TO COMMUNIQUE, NYT FEELS TANAKA'S VISIT SHOULD HELP ESTABLISH MORE HEALTHY US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP. ASSERTS THAT MOST SIGNIFICANT ASPECT OF PM'S VISIT IS OPPORTUNITY IT HAS GIVEN HIM TO EXPLAIN JAPANESE VIEWPOINT DIRECTLY TO ADMINISTRATION AND TO WIDER AMERICAN AUDIENCE WHILE AT SAME TIME GAINING FIRST-HAND IMPRESSIONS OF CONDITIONS THAT INFLUENCE US POLICY. CONTENTS THAT SUCCESS OF NEW US-JAPAN PARTNERSHIP WILL DEPEND IN LARGE MEASURE ON EXPANSION OF THIS KIND OF DIALOGUE AT MANY LEVELS AND ON RENOUNCING RESIDUE OF RACISM THAT EMERGED AT WEDNESDAY WATERGATE HEARINGS WITH ATTORNEY WILSON'S CHARACTERIZATION OF SEN. INOUE AS "THAT LITTLE JAP." WILSON OUTBURST WAS SINGULARLY UNTIMELY EXPRESSION OF ATTITUDE THAT CONTINUES POISON US DOMESTIC LIFE AND FOREIGN RELATIONS.

24. NYT'S RESTON SAYS THE PRES. MADE GOOD PROGRESS IN MEETINGS WITH TANAKA IN REMOVING SERIOUS US-JAPANESE MISUNDERSTANDINGS OF LAST COUPLE YEARS. VIEWS COMMUNIQUE AS HAVING DEALT WITH FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF US-JAPANESE RELATIONS WHICH WILL PROBABLY ENDURE LONG AFTER NIXON AND TANAKA RETIRED AND WATERGATE FORGOTTEN.

25. CITING WHITLAM VISIT, S-N (AUG. 2) SUGGESTS THAT AUSTRALIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP IS BOUND TO SURVIVE AUSTRALIA'S CURRENT ADJUSTMENT TO ITS NATIONAL IDENTITY - AN ADJUSTMENT WHICH IS IN LINE WITH NIXON DOCTRINE, STRESSING SELF-RELIANCE OF ALLIES, AND OUR OWN APPROACHES TO COMMUNIST WORLD. AVERS THAT CANBERRA-WASHINGTON LINK HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED BY DISPATCH OF SENIOR CAREER DIPLOMAT MARSHALL GREEN AS AMBASSADOR.
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26. S-N'S YMELDA DIXON (AUG. 2) REPORTS THAT SEN. MANSFIELD'S WIFE WAS ALREADY PACKED WHEN CHOU MESSAGE ARRIVED ASKING FOR POSTPONEMENT OF MANSFIELDS' SCHEDULED AUGUST VISIT. UNOFFICIALLY, IT IS BELIEVED CHINESE ARE BEING POLITICALLY WARY OF POSSIBLE SIHANOUK-MANSFIELD

MEETING BEFORE AUG.5 CAMBODIA BOMBING CUTOFF DATE. ROUTINE REASONS ADVANCED FOR POSTPONEMENT INCLUDE HAK'S INABILITY THUS FAR MEET WITH SIHANOUK, AND LACK OF INTERPRETERS AND FACILITIES IN CHINA. NOTES THAT VISA REQUESTS FROM SEVERAL SENATORS HAVE BEEN FUTILE. WIFE OF SEN. PERCY HAS EVEN JOINED CHICAGO ART GROUP SEEKING ENTRY TO CHINA, BUT GROUP HAS YET TO RECEIVE DEFINITE WORD. ROGERS

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